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JAI VIGYAN SWASTHYA PROJECT
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched a `Jai Vigyan Swasthya Project` for rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the rural population is likely to be benefited from said project;

(d) the number of States in which this project has been launched; and

(e) the details of funds spent on this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (e) Technology Development Board (TDB) constituted under the Technology Development Board Act., 1995 has agreed to provide loan assistance to a company in the private sector for their project : Jai Vigyan Swasthya Project for rural areas - establishment of a Remote Medical Diagnostics System in and around Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

This project envisages to link 100 General Practitioners through five Regional Diagnostic Centres (RDCs) to be set up in five districts adjacent to Vijayawada. These RDCs shall be linked to the Core Centre in a hospital at Vijayawada.The total population expected to be covered under the project is around 10 lakhs and the project is scheduled to be completed within a time frame of ten months. The benefits of the project to the rural population will begin to flow thereafter.

Online clinical advice through Decision Support Systems and Treatment Protocols would be provided to the General Practitioners in the remote areas through RDCs / Core Centre.

The total cost of the project is Rs. 998 lakhs out of which TDB has agreed to provide loan assistance of Rs. 480 lakhs.Balance funds are being raised by the company. So far, TDB has disbursed a sum of Rs. 300 lakhs for the project.